Rs. 120 under 2-B-Avenues—Dearness Allowance

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 120 under 2-B-Avenues—Dearness allowance. This also is due to the enhancement of the dearness allowance.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : May we take it that the rate is the same in all these cases.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : Yes.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 1,014 and 1,000 under 2-A-2—Farm Operations—Cattle Food

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,014 under "2-A-2 Farm Operations—Cattle Food". Due to the rise in the cost of articles of cattle food increased rates have to be paid to the contractor. Hence the budget provision has become insufficient to meet the full expenditure. Therefore an additional allotment of Rs. 2,014 is necessary. I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Is this cattle food for the cattle in the Central Farm. In spite of the extensive field, you are not able to raise the required cattle food there. Why can't you grow grass.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I think that the Hon'ble Members know that we give them "pinnack", cotton seed and other things. The Farm can supply only straw and grass, at the most.

Demands put and carried

Rs. 48—under 2 A-2—Farm Operations—Exhibition

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 48 under "2A.2 Farm Operations—Exhibition". An all Cochin Agricultural Exhibition was conducted at Trichur in connection with the birthday celebrations of His Highness the Maharaja. There was no budget provision for this, and it has not been possible to find savings to effect re-appropriation. Hence the request for additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 249—under 2A-1—Agriculture—T. A.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 249 under "2-A-1 Agriculture—T. A. Ordinary". In order to start experimental cultivation of tobacco in the State, the Agricultural Inspector, Chittur, was sent to some of the tobacco growing and curing centres of the Madras Presidency to study the methods of cultivation and curing. The expenses for his travelling come to Rs. 249. There is no provision in the budget for this item and hence the request for this additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 24 under 4 Co-operative Societies—Establishment

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 24 under "4 Co-operative Societies—Establishment—Temporary". It is proposed to transfer an amount of Rs. 24 from "33 Rural Development—Cottage Industries—Other Industries" to "4 Co-operative Societies—Temporary Establishment". The allowance to the Secretary of the All Cochin Bee Keepers' Society has been enhanced from Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per month and an amount of Rs. 24 is necessary for giving enhanced allowance. There is no provision. Hence this transfer.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 2,113—12—0 under 33-A-Uplift of the Depressed Classes

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,113—12—0 under "33-A-Uplift of the Depressed Classes—A—General—Colonies". On account of the increase in the price of materials requieed for thatching and P. C. R. the provision for P. C. R. and thatching of the houses in the depressed classes colonies has become insufficient to meet the requirrments. Savings are not available for reappropriation. Hence the request for this additional allotment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: I take this occasion to point out one grievance felt by the inmates of the Malayattur Colony. They have no burial ground. Recently one funny incident took place. A Pulaya died. There was a burial ground, but that was encroached upon by another person. When they took the dead body to the burial ground, the men who

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encroached upon was ready to beat those people. Therefore the Pulayas left the dead body there and ran away for life. The Hon'ble Minister may be pleased to find out a burial ground for these people.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I will look into the matter.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 1,000—2-C-Veterinary—Cost of Medicines

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "2 C—Veterinary—Cost of medicines". Due to the high increase in the cost of medicines, the budget provision for purchasing medicines for the Veterinary institutions has become insufficient to meet the actual requirements. Savings also are not available. Hence this request.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 500 under 4—Co-operative—Miscellaneous

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "4 - Co-operative—Miscellaneous". An amount of Rs. 500 given to the Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Society No. 335 had to be written off since the Society was subsequently liquidated. To write off the amount under Advances an amount of Rs. 500 has to be adjusted from "4 Co-operative—Miscellaneous" for purposes of accounts. There is no provision under the head for the same. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 500 is necessary under the above head.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 17 under 12 Jails—Cranganur—Dearness allowance

Rs. 124 under 11-A—Dearness allowance

Rs. 1,666 under 16-C—Dearness allowance

Rs. 214 under 16-C—Dearness allowance by transfer from District Magistrate

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I shall move items 16, 17, 18 and 19. All of them relate to dearness allowance, one in the Cranganur Jail and the others in the Magisterial Department. I request that the amounts may kindly he sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Mr. President, I stand up here with very great reluctance to oppose this motion. Let me not be misunderstood as getting up to oppose a demand which is asked for granting dearness allowance to a particular class of Government servants. The object I have in view, Sir, in opposing this demand is to rivet the attention of the Government upon that this Honourable House is not satisfied with a dearness allowance of Rs. 6 up to Rs. 60. The present dearness allowance is to the extent of an amount of Rs. 6 and limiting its scope to persons drawing a pay of Rs. 60 per month. In other words, those drawing more than Rs. 60 do not draw anything and those drawing below Rs. 60 get Rs. 6 only. The object in opposing this motion is to request the Government that they may be pleased, regard being had to the high prices now obtaining with reference to every article necessary for human existence, to increase the amount of dearness allowance by a few rupees more and to give the same to all officers and other Government servants drawing a monthly salary of Rs. 125 a month as is done in the Province of Madras. I am sure the Government's attention would have been drawn to the recent order of the Madras Government in this behalf wherein it is stated as follows.—

"In view of the further rise in the cost of living the Government of Madras have decided to grant with effect from June 1943 increased rates of dearness allowance to Government servants serving under them including those whose headquarters are situated in Indian States adjoining the Madras Presidency. For those drawing pay below Rs. 40 a month the monthly rate of allowance in areas A and B will be Rs 8½ and in area C 6½. For those drawing pay of Rs. 40 or more but not above Rs. 125 in areas A and B, the allowance will be Rs. 11, for those drawing pay of Rs. 40 or more but not above Rs. 90 in area C the allowance will be Rs. 9.

"Persons drawing pay of more than Rs. 125 but not more than Rs. 136 in areas A and B will receive such allowances as will bring their total emoluments up to Rs. 136 a month; similarly persons drawing pay of more than Rs. 90 in area C will receive as will bring their total emoluments up to Rs. 99 a month."

Such a liberal order has been passed and acted upon by the Madras Government which in very many good cases has been and ought to be a guide for Cochin. My request to the

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